

Umbrellas engraving. Deliveries made to all suburban points.

"Hechts' Greater Stores"
513-515 Seventh Street.

Open evenings till 11:30. Boxed free.

Specials in "gift" things for Tuesday.

Lowered prices on just the things you're buying, which will be in force until store closes late tomorrow night. And notwithstanding the fact that prices are reduced we extend you the privilege of having the amount of your purchase charged—and of paying the bill as suits your convenience.

500 39c dolls..... 25c
Five hundred handsome dolls—with bisque heads, pretty faces, closing eyes—which have been 39c up to this time, for 25c tomorrow.

25c. 6-key Pianos..... 16c
50c. 8-key Pianos..... 39c
79c. 12-key Pianos..... 19c
\$1.50 18-key Pianos..... \$1.10

25c. Doll Go-carts..... 19c
50c. Doll Go-carts..... 39c
25c. Magic Lanterns..... 19c
50c. Magic Lanterns..... 39c
25c. Drums..... 19c
75c. Express Wagons..... 39c
25c. Hay Wagons..... 19c

Sterling silver articles and jewelry, up to 50c, for..... 15c.

One great centre table piled to its greatest capacity with sterling silver articles of all sorts and good, worthless jewelry, which formerly sold for as high as 50c, for 15c. The assortment is almost too large for adequate mention, but includes:

Nail files, Paper cutters, Cuticle knives, Button Hooks, Shoe horns, Curling irons, Baby pins, Men's studs, Bracelets, Seals, Erasers, Breastpins.

Fancy gift articles which formerly sold up to 50c, 9c

—embracing gilt picture frames, plaques, toilet boxes, work stands after dinner coffee, great variety of decorated old pieces, such as puff and powder boxes, etc. All on a centre table, formerly sold up to 50c for 9c.

Flannelette 79c. wrappers..

5,000 ladies' heavy flannelette wrappers—all made with flannels—all with full width skirts—all with separate waist lining, and in elegant and desirable patterns. All worth from \$1 to \$1.50, for 79c, tomorrow.

Child's coats, \$2.98. worth \$4, for

Lot of children's coats, in sizes from 2 to 5 years—our regular values at \$4.

98c wool fascinators, 49c.

Ice and Shetland wool fascinators—worth 98c for just half price 49c.

Specials in holiday candy.

We desire to call the attention of Sunday schools and others who purchase candy in large quantities for giving to the special half-pound fancy boxes we're putting up. Already we've secured several large orders. These special prices tomorrow:

Twenty-five sorts of candies, such as sell about town at 19c, pound, here at..... 12c
Assorted chocolates, put up in fancy boxes for giving, for..... 19c

Hecht & Company, 513-515 Seventh St.

Useful Christmas Presents!

Not only useful but ornamental can be well said of Chandeliers, Lamps, Banquet Globes, Lanterns, Fenders, Andirons, Electric Portables, Gas Drop Lights, Fire Screens, Onyx Top Tables, Rich Lamp Shades, Sconces, Firework, Candlesticks, Cozy Corner Iron Lamps, Gas Logs, etc., etc. Coal Grates are useful, and if not one of these, then why not a new Heating Stove, Oil Heater, or Gas Cooking

Oil Stoves.

All stock, finest makes, guaranteed perfect construction, no smoke or odor, \$1.85, \$2.75, \$2.85, \$3.50, \$4.40, \$4.75, \$5.

Gas Stoves.

Our Gas Drum fits over any gas-jet—will heat small room and give light at same time. Only 80c. Our Cylinder Stoves are just the thing for medium-size rooms, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$2.70. Gas Radiators are all the go for large rooms. We have the best makes, priced only \$2.75, \$3, \$3.50, \$4.50.

Coal Grates.

We offer you a choice selection. The portable patterns have rollers. Prices, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4.

C. A. Muddiman & Co., 616 12th. Phone 140. 1204 G.

Andirons. Lamps. Drop Lights

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

William Alexander Charged With Killing Matthew Snow

William M. Alexander was put on trial today in Criminal Court No. 1, for the murder of Matthew Snow, in Marble Hall Alley, on the night of August 15 last. The accused is a man of about twenty-five years of age, and does not appear to have been physically affected by his long confinement in jail. Alexander, when brought into the courtroom by Deputy United States Marshal Roberts, took his seat immediately in the rear of his counsel, Messrs. Albert Sellers and John B. Lashley. Seated on either side of him were his parents. The defendant's wife was also in the courtroom. She carried an infant in her arms.

After the roll of the witnesses on either side had been called, the selection of the jury was begun. The government, which was represented by District Attorney Anderson and Assistant District Attorney Taylor, objected to only one of the regular panel for the month of December. The panel was, however, exhausted without a jury to try the case being selected. United States Marshal for the District to jury duty tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, when the trial will be resumed.

Friends of the Junior Republic.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The Maryland Branch of the Woman's League of the National Junior Republic was organized on Saturday at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Summerfield Hall. The president of the league, Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of Senator Fairbanks, presided and delivered an address. Addresses on the work being done at the National Junior Republic were given by Mrs. Baldwin, by Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, and Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt, of Washington; by Miss Purran, matron of the Junior Republic, and by the thirteen-year-old judge of the Junior Republic, Randolph Hackett. Mrs. Baldwin was made vice president for Maryland. A board of directors for the State will be elected in the near future.

Boyd Wallace Arraigned.
Boyd Wallace, colored, charged with the murder of Robert Stafford, was arraigned today in Criminal Court, No. 1, and pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. H. H. H.*

NEWS OF GEORGETOWN

Real Estate Men's Objections to the New Code Bill.

Abolition of Justices of the Peace Would Work Serious Hardship on Landlords in Collecting Rents. Proposed Municipal Court Considered as Being Too Camberome.

The real estate men of Georgetown worked up over the probability of the passage of the Code bill. They greatly object to the clause calling for the abolition of the office of justice of the peace. R. A. Casilear said today:

"If the office of justice of the peace is abolished property will lose 50 per cent of its investment value. It will be next to impossible to collect rents. Under the present system delinquents must pay or get out. The landlord or agent files his written complaint with the justice, and the trial comes off in seven days. If the complaint is found true, the tenant is then given six days to pay or move. The proposed Municipal Court will be a formal court, where the employment of lawyers will be necessary to unwind tape or meet technicalities.

The present fifteen justices act upon over \$5,000 cases a year, suiting the hours of trials to the convenience of the parties interested. With such a mass of work to handle, handicapped by the incident to formal procedure, the Municipal Court, with its six judges, would be so far behind in six months that a case could remain on file for many weeks before it could be heard. In the meantime a tenant would be in possession, paying no rent. As soon as one tenant was disposed of and his successor fell in arrears, the same thing would have to be gone over again. As soon as the landlord realizes the conditions that surround his property the poor man will suffer, for he will be unable to rent houses for \$5 and \$10 a month without sitting waiting for the payment of rent. What negro or white laborer could furnish security?"

"Then again," said Mr. Casilear, "the poor-laborer working for a dishonest employer would be unable to recover wages due him in a court, such as is proposed, as often the expenses would exceed the amount due him. He would be unable to recover wages before the justices of the peace would find it easier to suffer loss than to recover the amount due them. Those who are forcing the code have evidently not acquainted themselves with the full consequences that would attend its passage.

Judge Walter L. Cox, who prepared the original code, made no reference to the justice of the peace. The code has undergone so many changes since it left him, that the father would not now recognize his child. Judge Cox's code was 300 pages long, the present code is contained in a bill of 315 pages. Some of the most thoughtful clauses have been eliminated entirely, and among the suggestions of the inexperienced inserted."

It is understood that in spite of the protests which have been registered against the fencing in of the grounds of the new Western High School there is at present being prepared under the direction of the Commissioners, a design for an iron fence to be erected on the corner of the grounds. The design is said to be an elaborate one. Individuals and the Citizens' Associations have asked that the present attractiveness of the handsome building be not destroyed by the erection of a high fence. The Commissioners led those interested to believe that the matter had been dropped, but the fact that a new design is being prepared seems to indicate that the District officials and the citizens are at variance regarding the necessity of further protecting the high school grounds. The citizens here say they will take up the matter again and protest against this fence, as the grounds in their present condition have not sustained the slightest degradation.

The Masonic year which has just closed has been a remarkably successful one for the younger Blue Lodge, namely, George C. Whitling, No. 22, F. A. M. Under Worshipful Master B. F. Harper, whose term of office closed last Tuesday, an unusually large number of candidates were raised, and the assets of the lodge were increased very substantially. The new Worshipful Master, Harry Becker, starts in under the most favorable auspices.

Mizpah Chapter, O. A. H., meets tomorrow night. Worshipful Master M. J. M. will preside for the first time, assisted by the new officers.

It was announced yesterday at Trinity Catholic Church that mission priests would conduct services at Trinity from January 8 until January 20, where daily special services for men. On account of the great ability usually possessed by the mission priests who visit Trinity the services are always of a high order, including representatives of all denominations.

The Christmas holidays of the public night school pupils begin on Wednesday. The public day schools close for the holidays on Friday.

The school authorities have given up two rented buildings here—the manual training building on Thirtieth and Second streets, between Dumbarton Avenue and O Street, and the cooking school, located at 3104 P Street. Both departments have been moved to the old frame school building at the intersection of Thirty-second and Thirtieth streets, popularly known as the High Street School.

Mrs. Kirby, the representative of the Associated Charities here, has been sought for a long time by the police in cases of destitution within the past few days. While the majority of the calls for assistance come from the colored people of the alleys and tenements, who are numbered among those who need a helping hand.

GEORGE L. DART RESIGNS.

Gives Up His Place as Consul at Patras, Greece.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 17.—United States Consul George L. Dart, of this city, who has been Consul at Patras, Greece, for two years, has resigned. He was formerly Consul at Patras, Greece, and did good service there during the Spanish-American war.

He was recently offered a place as secretary to one of the Philippine Islands, but he refused it. He will probably devote himself to literary work.

Display of Memorial Bridge Designs.

Tomorrow from 11 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m. the Egyptian Hall in the Hall of the Ancients will be open to the public free for the display in comparison of designs for the Memorial Bridge reported by the engineers and that of Mr. Keller. In the afternoon from 3:30 to 5 o'clock the lecture hall will be open gratis for illustrations of the comparative merit of these designs by stereopticon. This exhibition will continue daily free until further notice.

North Carolina's Strong Man.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—Tom Pringle, known as North Carolina's strongest man and a famous mountain wrestler, 6 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs 286 pounds. His chest contracted is 49 inches; expanded, 56 1/2; thigh, 30; calf, 20; waist, 45, and arm, 15.

AUDITOR FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Abraham Lincoln Lawshe Appointed by Secretary Root.

Abraham Lincoln Lawshe has been appointed Auditor for the Philippines by the Secretary of War. Mr. Lawshe has been deputy auditor for the Postoffice Department, and resigned this position last Saturday to accept the position tendered him by Secretary Root.

Mr. Lawshe has not been actively engaged in the duties of his position with the Postoffice Department for some time. He was detached from the department when the Cuban postal scandals were first exposed, and detailed for duty in Cuba to audit the suspected postal accounts. He recently returned, and his report has been submitted, but has not been made public in its entirety. The Senate recently published a part of the report.

Mr. Lawshe is from Indiana. His appointment is considered an excellent one as his reputation for ability and character is of the best. Although the appointment of Mr. Lawshe is from the War Department, he will have supervision of the accounts of all departments to be audited in the Philippines.

REPEAL OF THE BANK TAX.

Movement Started by the Larger Institutions of the Country.

Members of the Senate Finance Committee are being deluged with letters from banks and bankers urging the amendment of the War Tax Reduction bill, so as to repeal the special tax on capital and surplus of banks.

This movement was started by the larger banks, which are trying to have the tax on their capital, which they have to pay, repealed, and to have the tax on bank checks, which their depositors pay, continued. The small country banks, as a rule, are opposed to the continuance of the tax on checks, which, it is said, has operated to drive from the banks many small accounts. The larger banks, on the other hand, do not care for the small accounts, without letting them know that if the Senate adopted the repeal of the tax on checks, as it passed the House, the former tax would be continued.

MRS. THERESA FAIR'S ESTATE.

A Legacy of More Than \$2,000,000 Goes to Her Daughter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., formerly Miss Virginia Fair, has more than \$2,000,000 in the settlement of the estate left her by her mother, Mrs. Theresa Fair, according to the fifth accounting, which has been filed in court here by John W. Mackay and Richard V. Dey, the trustees of the estate.

The trustees show that Mrs. Fair's will provided that the legacy of her daughter, Virginia, should be paid when she became twenty-five years old. Mrs. Vanderbilt reached the age on March 2, 1900, and trustees then paid her bequest of \$1,500,000, with \$340,823 as accumulation. \$58,294 as interest on the legacy, and \$260,000 as her share of residue.

CHILD ATTACKED BY A PIG.

Father Saves a Little Girl by Using a Club.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 17.—Five-year-old Jessie Richards, daughter of Adam Richards, living on the Beech Road, in Rose Valley, fifteen or twenty miles from this city, had a thrilling adventure Saturday afternoon. While playing in a lot over a hog pen she slipped through a hole in the floor that was concealed by straw and landed on the back of a vicious pig, which threw her off and then attacked her furiously.

ROGER WOLCOTT'S ILLNESS.

Condition of the Former Governor of Massachusetts Very Serious.

BOSTON, Mass., 17.—The condition of ex-Governor Wolcott, who has been ill for several weeks with typhoid fever, is considered serious, and signs of congestion of the lungs have become more evident. His temperature is also high.

"This is a serious phase of the case," said Dr. Putnam, last night, "though I do not mean to say that I have as yet given up hope. He has not as yet reached his ultimate recovery. I should not say that he is dangerously ill at present, but he certainly is seriously ill. Beyond the signs of congestion there are no new features in the case. I am very hopeful that our patient will pull through all right. His condition was somewhat improved this morning, but it is not so favorable tonight."

ARRIVAL OF THE UMBRIA.

Steamship Badly Damaged During a Tempestuous Voyage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Cunard line steamship Umbria arrived this morning from Liverpool and Queenstown after a tempestuous voyage. The Umbria passed the Fastnet at 2 o'clock p. m. on December 9 in a strong breeze, and from that time up to her arrival in port, she experienced a succession of fresh to strong northwest and southwest gales, with time again when frequently broke over the tops of the waves.

Considerable damage was sustained. The top of the port light house was carried away. The mainmast was broken, the mainmast was completely gutted, the library skylight was smashed and the music-room flooded. One immense sea wave broke on board, started the flooring of the hurricane deck along the port side for a distance of forty feet. Fortunately, none of the passengers were injured.

FIRE ALARM BOXES WATCHED.

Buffalo Police Looking for a Man Who Tampered With Them.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 17.—As nearly as possible every fire alarm box in Buffalo is being watched by a policeman. Orders to this effect have been issued by Captain Bull because so many "fake" alarms have been sounded within the past two months by a man who thus far has eluded all efforts at capture.

All that is necessary to sound an alarm is to break a bit of glass in the box which gives access to the key. This makes it possible for the finder to send in a message of alarm in a short time by making his rounds on a bicycle, which he is suspected of doing.

Maurice Barrymore in Good Health.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The report sent out from New York last night that Maurice Barrymore had arrived here and was incapacitated from appearing on the stage owing to a mental affliction, is absolutely groundless. Mr. Barrymore arrived yesterday morning from Kansas City and is a guest at the Planters Hotel. When seen last evening Mr. Barrymore seemed to be in excellent physical and mental condition. He stated that he would be at the Planters the next four days, appearing Christmas week at the Century Theatre.

A Clothing Crash!

\$36,000 Worth of Winter Suits on the Bargain Counter.

1/4 OFF

Marked Prices.

The early part of this season was devoted to the selling of a manufacturer's stock which we bought at a great concession in price. Now we find ourselves left with several thousand suits on hand, which should have been moved weeks ago. We shall not wait until January or February to sell these suits. We shall slaughter them NOW—right in the beginning of cold weather—when you will appreciate the opportunity of buying warm clothing at a bargain price.

\$10 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$7.50
\$12 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$9.00
\$15 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$11.25
\$18 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$13.50
\$20 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$15.00
\$25 Winter Suits—one-quarter off—now \$18.75

Among these suits you will find the newest and noblest styles in single and double-breasted suits and cutaways made up in all the most fashionable fabrics. Every suit carries with it our guarantee for durability and complete satisfaction. Every price is marked in plain figures. Today you may have an unrestricted choice of these suits at a clean saving of 25 cents on every dollar. Be quick while styles are complete in all styles.

M. Dyrenforth & Co., 923 Penna. Ave.

TAKING CHANCES IN BIDS

Crowds of Bidders at the Annual Dead Letter Office Sale.

Nearly Four Thousand Parcels at the Disposal of the Auctioneer. Fancy Price Paid by a Young Lady for a Man's Damaged Robe de Nuit—Other Lustrous Incidents.

Carelessness and ignorance are the two largest contributors to the annual sale of articles accumulated in the Dead Letter Office. It is an almost everyday occurrence that letters or parcels are given up for transmission through the mails, which are entirely devoid of any address, name, and destination of either the addressee or sender. When such matter is taken to the Dead Letter Office, after having been duly advertised, and no claimant puts in an appearance, and when it is opened there, the address that in most cases presents itself to the dead letter officials is that of "Your admiring Reginald." But where Reginald lives or where the person lives whom he admires or who may be the "admirer Reginald," for reasons known to himself, does not think necessary or prudent to state. Cases of this kind are numerous.

Another source from which the Dead Letter Office receives a great many articles is the person who assumes that letter carriers know every man, woman, and child in town, and consequently fail to give any address at all or simply "Mr. Jones, Washington, D. C." It also occurs that addresses are written in such undecipherable hieroglyphics that they remain a secret even to the experts of the post-office. These are the main sources whence the annual sale of articles accumulated in the Dead Letter Office, receives its supply.

The sale commenced this morning at 10 o'clock at 512 F Street northwest, and will be continued daily at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. until the whole stock is disposed of. The goods are cash on delivery. Under "Schedule A," miscellaneous articles, 3207 parcels containing a variety of such articles as spectacles, combs, handkerchiefs, underwear, scissors, razors, knives, gloves, coats, shirts, scarfs, hair switches, corsets, aprons, feather fans, are offered to the highest bidder.

The stock in hand is of such a bewildering variety and apparently inexhaustible supply, and the scenes accompanying the sale so laughable, as to make this annual event one patronized by many people.

A young lady paid quite a fancy price this morning for a man's damaged night robe, necktie, and suspenders, and great was her chagrin and embarrassment when she discovered how little Dame Fortune is in the distribution of her favors. Another peculiar incident was the buying of an ice wood fastener, damaged underweight, roses, scapulars, etc., by a middle-aged lady who said that they were the identical articles she sent to a friend of hers a long time ago. A stillwider laughing matter was a parcel containing four yards of cheap dress goods, a pair of woman's kid gloves, and silk scraps, and the laughter of the curious came nearly upsetting the good man's humor.

The lover of books may strike a bargain at this sale. There are under "Schedule B," 62 parcels containing from one to sixteen books. Religion, science, history, fiction, biography, languages, music, every field of learning is represented among the books which will be offered to the public.

Of jewelry there are 176 parcels. Woman's gold band ring, solitaire diamond ring, fountain pen, man's watch, souvenir spoons, 2 silver teaspoons, "Clasp," "Decorative," and "Margery" gold band ring, "Louise" woman's diamond gold watch, "Margery" silver orange spoon, "Augusta" silver teaspoon, "From Papa" Frances, Jan. 1 '98," silver heart, "K. E. F." woman's gold watch case, "O. E. F." silver berry spoon, "H. S." 6 silver coffee spoons, "J. W." 2 gold pins, "Princeton" gold band ring, "A. E. to H. I. May 6 '98" woman's gold band ring, "H. L." 6 silver coffee spoons, "H. I." 6 silver gold band ring, "Laurinda" 6 silver teaspoons, "W. A. Q. to Hattie" gold band ring, "G. D. R." gold thimble, "N. J. B." man's gold band ring, "P. B. Miller" man's gold band ring, "P. B. Miller" man's gold band ring, "T. T." 6 silver orange spoons, "H. C." man's gold initial set ring, "B." woman's gold band ring, "From A. M. to J. E. M." and other articles too numerous to mention.

This remedy Hostetter's

maintains good digestion Stomach and light soft days. Bitters, pepsia, biliousness, and constipation.

At Droop's.

Anyway--bring the children to see

The wonderful musical toys and the rows of music boxes, from little tiny ones to the giant Regina—the drums and trumpets and Autoharps—the books of children's songs—and the most wonderful of all piano players, the Angelus. And while you are here tell us whether you ever saw such a bargain as those splendid busts of famous musicians and composers we are selling at 19 cents each. If you take an interest in pianos, you'll like to see the newest models in the Steinway, Gabler, Mathushek, Droop, &c.—beauties, all of them. Do you know that we are now selling ALL musical instruments on time payments if the purchaser desires?

DROOP'S MUSIC HOUSE, 925 Pennsylvania Avenue.

WILDE'S LAST BON MOT.

His Ghastly Writicism Regarding a Surgical Operation.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Oscar Wilde's last bon mot is characteristic of his genius for inversion. This ruling readiness was still strong in death. When told that he must have an operation he said at first that he could not afford the fee. The point was pressed by the surgeon.

"Very well," said the patient, with a flash from the ashes of his old spirit; "I must die beyond my means."

Lost Money and Checks.

Judge Andrew Y. Bradley, of the District Supreme Court, has recovered to the police the loss of a purse belonging to Mrs. Bradley, containing about \$15 in money and two checks, one for \$150 and the other for \$50. The purse was left in a carriage used by Judge and Mrs. Bradley yesterday, engaged from an up-town stable. The larger check is payable to Judge Bradley and is signed by Isabelle Shepard.

Please the Children.

Children like Caramels Candy Caramels because they taste good, do good, make the little ones well, and keep them in good health. Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

Xmas Furniture Buyers Can Be Satisfied Here.

Everything to Make the Home Beautiful. Purchases Charged. Start An Account With Us.

Corner Chair.

A really beautiful Corner Chair, neatly and artistically made and upholstered in a selection of fine corduroy, velvet and tapestry coverings. Better than the usual kind. Cash or Credit..... \$1.29

Iron Beds.

Physicians assert that it is healthful to sleep in iron beds. Here's one brass trimmed and white enameled which is considered cheap at \$4 to sell for..... \$2.75

Sideboards.

We've got an exceptional good bargain in a fine golden oak Sideboard with plate glass mirror and large linen closet. Worth \$12, for..... \$8.75

Dresser and Washstand.

Two superb pieces. Fine white enameled Dresser and Washstand, finest construction, large level plate French mirror and best trimming. Cash or Credit..... \$15.00

Chiffonier.

A great value—fine oak Chiffonier, best golden oak finish and trimmings. Easily worth \$6 and a grand saving chance. Cash or Credit..... \$3.78

WALKER & BURKS, 1013-1015 Seventh Street N. W.